

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Gadow-Rossow Bombing Range

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 5 October 1952 to 21 February 1953

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REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

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1. Between 6 and 26 October 1952, Gadow-Rossow bombing range was occasionally overflown by aircraft, but bombing was not practiced. Between 29 October and 12 November, there was no flying over the bombing area, mostly at unfavorable weather. There was no bombing until 5 December.
- 25X1X 2. After mid-November 1952, Gadow-Rossow target range was opened to the public to haul timber from the area.
3. After late September 1952, there were no more bombing practices at the Gadow-Rossow bombing range. During October timber was cut by Soviet details in this area. On 22 December, the way leading from Gadow to the bombing range was blocked by a sentry. There was some bombing in the morning. On 22 January 1953, at about 8 a.m., a soldier wearing black bordered blue epaulets arrived by foot from the direction of Glashuette at the Gadow saw mill. Shortly afterwards, alarm was sounded and the soldier went to the road fork at the eastern exit of Gadow where he stopped all motor vehicles which intended to proceed on the eastern road. At 2 p.m. the guard was no longer there. The same procedure was repeated on 23 January. On 26 January at 3 p.m. the guard was picked up from the same place by truck [REDACTED]. Between 12 and 21 February, there was daily bombing except for Sundays.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The Gadow-Rossow bombing range is generally used by the regiments of the northern bomber division. After the bombing area had been opened to the civilians to cut timber during November and December 1952, the bombing practices were resumed in early 1953.